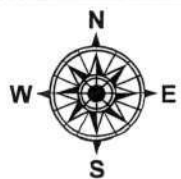


Loar Farm  
AL-VI-B-241  
Barbers Hill Road, east of MD Rte 55  
Frostburg vicinity  
Allegany County  
Katherine Grandine  
September 2008

#### ADDENDUM

The MIHP form prepared in 1982 documented a log house, a frame bank barn, a double-pen log barn, and root cellar on this farm. A site visit on 16 September 2008 by Mr. Asa Maust of CME Engineering LLC of Frostburg revealed that the farmstead buildings are no longer extant. A new house is under construction at the location.

A strip mine permit was issued for this area during the 1980s (Bill Llewellyn, CME Engineering, LLC, personal communication, 5 September 2008). A desk top study of aerial photographs on Google Earth also confirmed that no buildings survive in the mapped location. The attached illustrations were supplied by CME Engineering LLC.



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1:24:000 scale

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Figure 1. Rubble at mapped location of AL-VI-B-241 (CME Engineering LLC 9/2008).



Figure 2. View from mapped location of AL-VI-B-241, looking east (CME Engineering LLC 9/2008).



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Figure 3. View from mapped location of AL-VI-B-241 looking north showing new house under construction (CME Engineering LLC 9/2008).



Figure 4. View from mapped location of AL-VI-B-241 looking west (CME Engineering LLC 9/2008).

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Loar Farm  
Loarville  
Private

Late 19th century

This is a story-and-a-half, three bay by one bay log structure with a gable roof.

The house rests on a low, random ashlar/rubble foundation. Weatherboard siding covers the log exterior except where it has fallen off exposing the v-notched logs.

A frame bank barn, a double-pen log barn, and a stone and frame banked root cellar are also located on this farm.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Loar Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Barbers Hill Rd. Approx. 1 miles past end of Montel Rd. off Rt. 55

CITY, TOWN

Loarville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

6th.

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE    ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL    ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL    ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT    ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT    ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL    ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY    ☒ OTHER *vacant*

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL    ☐ STATE    ☐ COUNTY    ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This abandoned log farm house is situated in a hilly, wooded area on Barbers Hill Road approximately one mile past the dead end of Montel Road. (which is off Rt. 55). The house faces south. It is a story-and-a-half, three bay by one bay log structure with a gable roof. A shed roofed addition runs along the rear, north elevation. A wooden porch supported by plain wood posts is located at the west elevation of the addition. The vertical board central facade door, painted to look like a four panel door, is covered by a wooden, gable roofed porch.

The house has a central brick chimney. The windows are broken out but there is evidence of six over six sash windows. The house rests on a low random ashlar/rubble foundation. Weatherboard siding covers the log exterior except where it has fallen off exposing the v-notched logs. Corrugated metal covers the roof.

On the inside there are two rooms on each floor. The log walls and chinking have been left exposed in the first story east room. In the west room a narrow boxed stairway leads to the second story.

A well is located to the east. A stone and frame root cellar is located northeast of the house. A hewn frame bank barn on a fine ashlar foundation is located also to the northeast. A banked, double pen, saddle notched log barn on a stone foundation is located southeast of the house.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general rectangular configuration constructed of logs covered with weatherboard siding were built in Allegany County through the nineteenth century.

The buildings on this property display several significant construction features. The log barn is a good example of such structures built in the late 19th century.

The dwelling is a good example of a simple log farmhouse. The painted panels on the batten door indicate an attempt to upgrade a simple vernacular feature to a more stylish level.

The root cellar includes the unique combination of stone nogging over its wooden-framed ceiling. This is reminiscent of "double-floors" constructed between cellars and first floor levels of late 18th and early 19th century dwellings in Western Maryland, particularly those structures built over a spring. The Hager House in Hagerstown (WA- ) and the Superintendent's House in Eckhart (AL-V-A-018 ; demolished 1981) utilized such floors.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME/TITLE Significance: Merry Stinson

David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1982

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle, Shaw Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

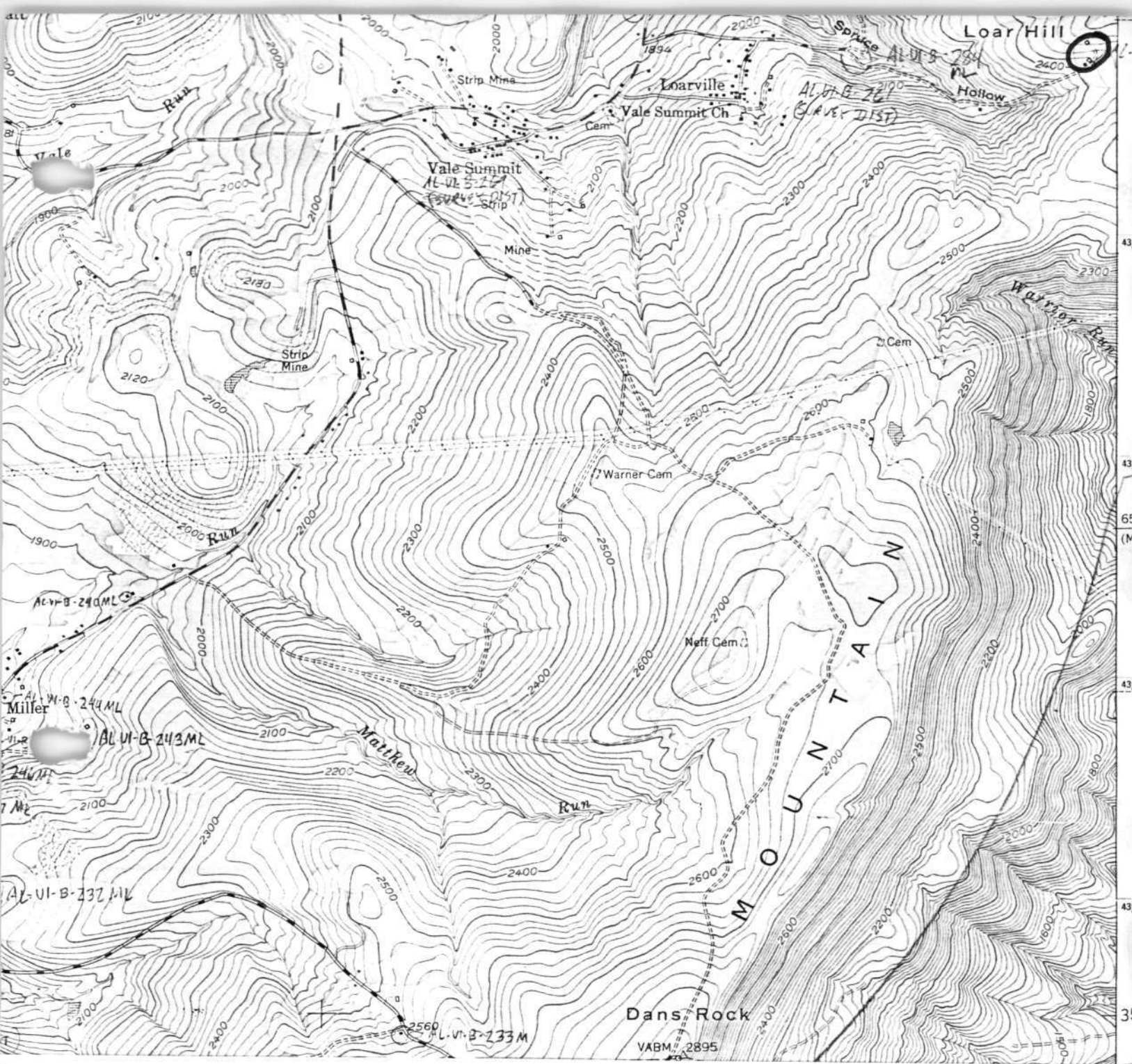
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Maryland 21401

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Allegany Co., MD

D.A. Dorsey 1981

Farmhouse, east elevation





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Farmhouse; detail; corner



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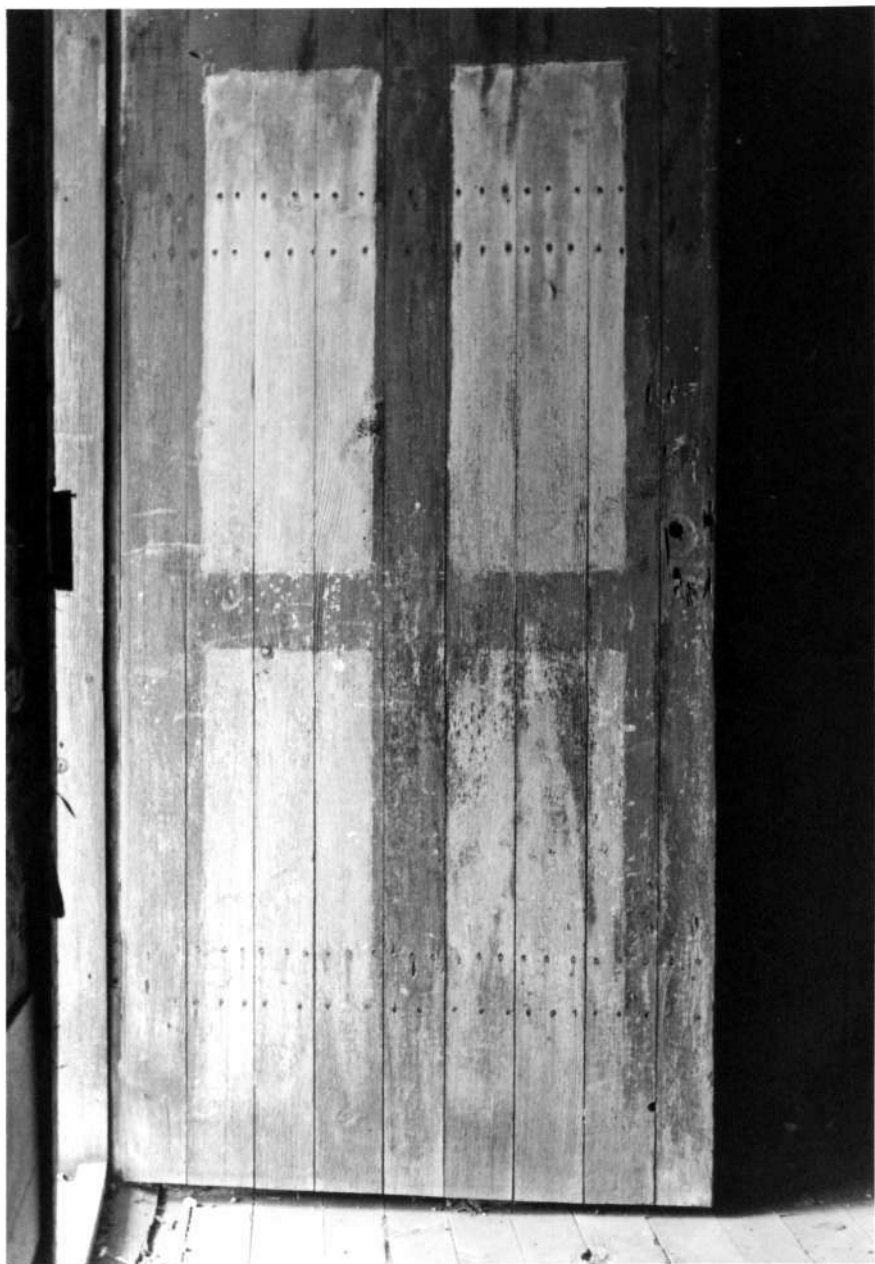
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Allegany Co., MD

Dave Dorsey 1981

stairway





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farmhouse, detail; door; interior



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Loar Farm

Allegany Co., MD

D.A. Dorsey 1981

Log Barn: north elevation





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Loar Farm

Allegany Co., MD

D.A. Dorsey 1981

Barn; w elevation



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Loar Farm

Allegany Co., MD

D.A. Dorsey 1981

Detail: log barn



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Barn; W elevation





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Frame barn, north elevation